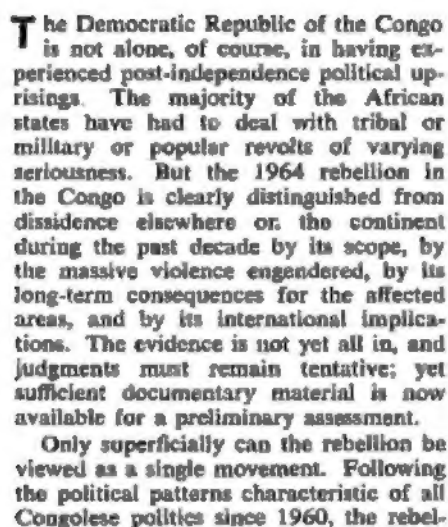


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Sources of Support

Several general causes for support for anti-government action are clear. Above all, the decline since 1960 in the material

well-being of most areas of the Congo, both urban and rural, combined with the gross inequities in distribution of the rewards of independence, had produced a sharp polarization between "intellectuals" and "mass." As a rule of thumb, the economic deprivation had been most severe in areas farthest removed from the two poles of relative prosperity, southern Katanga and Leopoldville-Lower Congo. In the towns, both unemployment and the cost of living has risen steadily since 1960; in the countryside, peasant agriculture had gone into a catastrophic decline, and goods either were unavailable, or priced at a level that only